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SUBJECT: AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT

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1. DCM DISCUSSED AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT MARCH 14 WITH NEWLY
RETURNED MFA ECONOMIC DEPT OFFICER ABDULRAZZAK WHO WAS

GOK DELEGATION MEMBER.

2. ABDULRAZZAK RECAPITULATED KUWAIT PLEDGES MADE AT SUMMIT AS FOLLOWS:

(A) \$200 MILLION OVER FIVE YEARS IN LOANS BY KFAED FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. AGREEING THAT THIS FIGURE DID NOT SEEM TO SIGNAL INCREASE OVER PAST LEVELS OF KFAED FINANCING IN AFRICA, ABDULRAZZAK SAID SIGNIFICANCE OF PLEDGE LIES IN NEW KUWAITI COMMITMENT INVOLVED. ASSUMING AFRICANS CAN COME UP WITH SATISFACTORY PROJECT APPLICATIONS COVERING THE PLEDGED AMOUNT, GOK WILL SEE THAT THEY ARE FINANCED, UP AT LEAST TO \$200 MILLION/FIVE YEAR LIMIT.

(B) ABDULRAZZAK TOOK PARTICULAR SATISFACTION IN GOK PLEDGE OF \$10 MILLION TO FINANCE FEASIBILITY STUDIES BY CONSULTANTS OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, AN UNDERTAKING WHICH HE VIEWED AS TENDING TO EXPEDITE SUBMISSION OF SATISFACTORY PROJECT APPLICATIONS.

(C) ABDULRAZZAK CONFIRMED WITHOUT COMMENT GOK PLEDGES OF \$20 MILLION FOR ARAB BANK FOR AFRICAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND \$10 MILLION FOR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

(D) REPORT OF \$40 MILLION FOR AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WAS SIMPLY WRONG; GOK HAD PLEDGED ONE MILLION ONLY. ABDULRAZZAK BELIEVED THIS SUM AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF OTHER DONORS FOR SAME PURPOSE WOULD BE FUNNELED THROUGH A COMMITTEE UNDER OAU ASUPICES, AND WOULD TEND TO WIND UP IN HANDS OF RELATIVELY MODERATE MOVEMENTS.

3. ABDULRAZZAK DESCRIBED SUMMIT AS A SIGNAL SUCCESS. PARTICIPATANTS HAD FELT GENUINE SENSE OF SOLIDARITY AS BELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TWEEN AFRICANS AND ARABS. ASKED TO ELABORATE, ABDULRAZZAK REMARKED THAT THE ARAB WORLD AND AFRICA OVERLAP IN MANY WAYS, INCLUDING RELIGIOUS, LINGUISTIC, RACIAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL. WHILE ONE COULD OBVIOUSLY PICK AN ARAB COUNTRY WITH HARDLY ANYTHING IN COMMON WITH A GIVEN AFRICAN COUNTRY, THE RANGE AND DEPTH OF BRIDGES LINKING THE TWO REGIONS AS A WHOLE WAS IMPRESSIVE. THIS SENSE HAD SPREAD AMONG THE DELEGATES, AND WAS REINFORCED BY COMMON COLONIAL ERA EXPERIENCE, SAID ABDULRAZZAK, AND LED ARABS TO REALIZE AS NEVER BEFORE THAT ARAB WORLD SHARES MORE WITH AFRICA THAN WITH ANY OTHER MAJOR REGION OF WORLD. ABDULRAZZAK MADE FURTHER POINT THAT MANY AFRICAN LEADERS HAD STUDIED IN CAIRO OR BEEN HELPED BY EGYPT ON THEIR WAY TO LEADERSHIP, A FACT THAT CONTRIBUTED TO PSYCHOLOGICAL SUCCESS OF CAIRO SUMMIT.

4. ABDULRAZZAK DESCRIBED AS MAJOR COUP DE THEATRE KING HUSSEIN'S PLEDGE, AMIDST REPORTS AND COMMENT ON THE SUPPOSED CIA SUBVENTIONS TO HIM, OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO AFRICAN

LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

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